

SNAP E&T Learning Academy

Frequently Asked Questions

Question 1: What is the deadline for applications?

The deadline for applications to the SNAP E&T Learning Academy is Monday, November 14, 2016 at 5pm ET. Applications should be submitted to SNAPtoSkillsProject@seattlejobsinit.com.

Question 2: Can multiple individuals apply from the same organization?

Due to the high level of interest in the Academy, it is recommended that organizations put forth only one candidate. Individuals most likely to benefit from the Academy are those who will be working directly with States in a technical assistance capacity or have influence over SNAP E&T policy in their State.

Question 3: I provide technical assistance to States through my work in a workforce development advocacy organization/nonprofit. Can I apply?

Yes, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) encourages participants from national, regional, and State advocacy and research organizations to apply to participate. The SNAP E&T Academy is not limited to participation by State agencies. A diverse pool of participants will provide new perspectives to the Academy sessions and discussions.

The Academy is designed to prepare a network of individuals who can work *with* States to develop SNAP E&T programs, using a “train the trainer” approach. States and counties may also find this content useful as they work to develop and expand their SNAP E&T programs.

Question 4: What should a SNAP E&T “Project” description include?

All participants are required to describe a SNAP E&T Project as part of their application. The Project is a specific activity or set of activities in at least one State to advance the expansion and/or adoption of job-driven principles in the State’s SNAP E&T program. Projects should be:

- Actionable within the near-term;
- Specific, measurable, and discrete; and
- Generalizable or scalable.

FNS is looking for projects that are “generalizable or scalable”, meaning that the content developed or activities conducted are applicable to more than one provider or State. For example, a project should not be simply developing a SNAP E&T program at one community college. Instead, an individual might propose developing a project that can be

generalized to support the development of E&T programs at community colleges in general.

Question 5: Are 2014 Farm Bill Pilot States allowed to apply?

Yes, individuals in 2014 Farm Bill pilot States are allowed to apply. These individuals may find that the Academy content helps them gain the skills they need to sustain successful E&T interventions beyond the pilot grant period. However, these participants may find that they are unable to act on a near-term SNAP E&T project due to the requirements of the random assignment evaluation.